



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Banner Fire Update –August 24

Stanley, Idaho – August 24, 2010—Increased fire activity on the southeast portion of the fire caused a temporary closure of Highway 21 yesterday. Helicopter bucket drops were used to help cool the flames near the road allowing crews to hold the fire at the highway. Firefighting efforts are currently concentrated on the east and south side of the fire to keep it from crossing Highway 21 and Marsh Creek Road. Sawtooth Rural Fire Department has established structure protection at Bradley Boy Scout Camp located on the east side of the fire.

The closure order surrounding the fire is still in effect with restricted access to Boundary Creek campground and the launch site via Boundary Creek Road. Traffic on Highway 21 is still restricted to a single lane with pilot cars leading. Delays are possible for up to 30 minutes with temporary closures possible to ensure public safety.

Fire managers were able to more accurately map the fire yesterday with a new reconnaissance of the fire area bringing the total acres to 1,594 acres burned. Although the wind has decreased, low relative humidity and warmer temperatures have kept the fire active with spotting and torching in the dry, heavy fuels. Fire managers expect the fire to burn most actively from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Resources

20-Person Fire Crews	11
Engines	17
Helicopters	5
Overhead	97
Total Personnel	372

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